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The Secretary,
American Numismatic Society,
Broadway & 156th Street,
New York City.

Dear Sir:

Prior to 1928 all currency notes (paper money) of the Government of India were printed in London by Raphael Tuck & Sons. In 1928 the Government of India set up a printing press called Security Printing Press at Nasik near Bombay, and the printing of currency notes has since then been done in this press.

On the occasion of the formal opening ceremony of the Security Printing Press, a few specimen bills were printed, superscribed with the word "Specimen" in red block capitals in two places on the face of the bill. These specimen bills are very rare; in fact, I doubt if there are any available now.

I have one of these bills and am prepared to dispose of it should any member of your Society be interested in it.

Yours truly,

N S Sen